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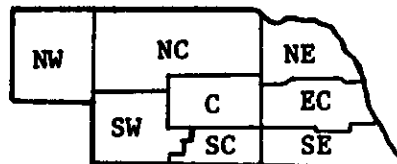
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WEATHER

It was a pleasant, mild week with the first half of the week dry. The last half was wet with snow in most sections. Some rainfall occurred in south central through northeastern Nebraska. Precipitation amounts ranged from a few hundredths up to one and a half inches. Average temperatures ranged from normal to two degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Row crop harvesting progressed well through midweek as dry weather and mild temperatures prevailed across Nebraska. Producers took advantage of the favorable conditions and by the end of the week combining of soybeans and sorghum reached 90% complete and corn had reached the 85% level. However, as the weekend drew near, snow and rain moved into the State possibly delaying harvesting wrap-up a few more days. One week of good harvesting weather would bring harvesting activities to a close in most areas. Other farm activities included drying grain, preparing machinery for winter, shredding stalks, fall tillage and fertilizing. There were 6.3 days suitable for field-work.

Topsoil moisture conditions rated 13% short, 79% adequate and 8% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 33% short and 67% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 19% short, 45% adequate and 36% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 38% short, 57% adequate and 5% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 85% complete, behind last year's 96%, but seven days ahead of the 78% 5-year average. Although the moisture content of corn in some areas was higher than desirable during harvesting, many producers elected to harvest the grain and use driers rather than risk deterioration in the field.

Soybean harvest moved forward to 90%, behind both 96% last year and 100% average. Progress of combining of soybeans this season ran about 12 days behind schedule.

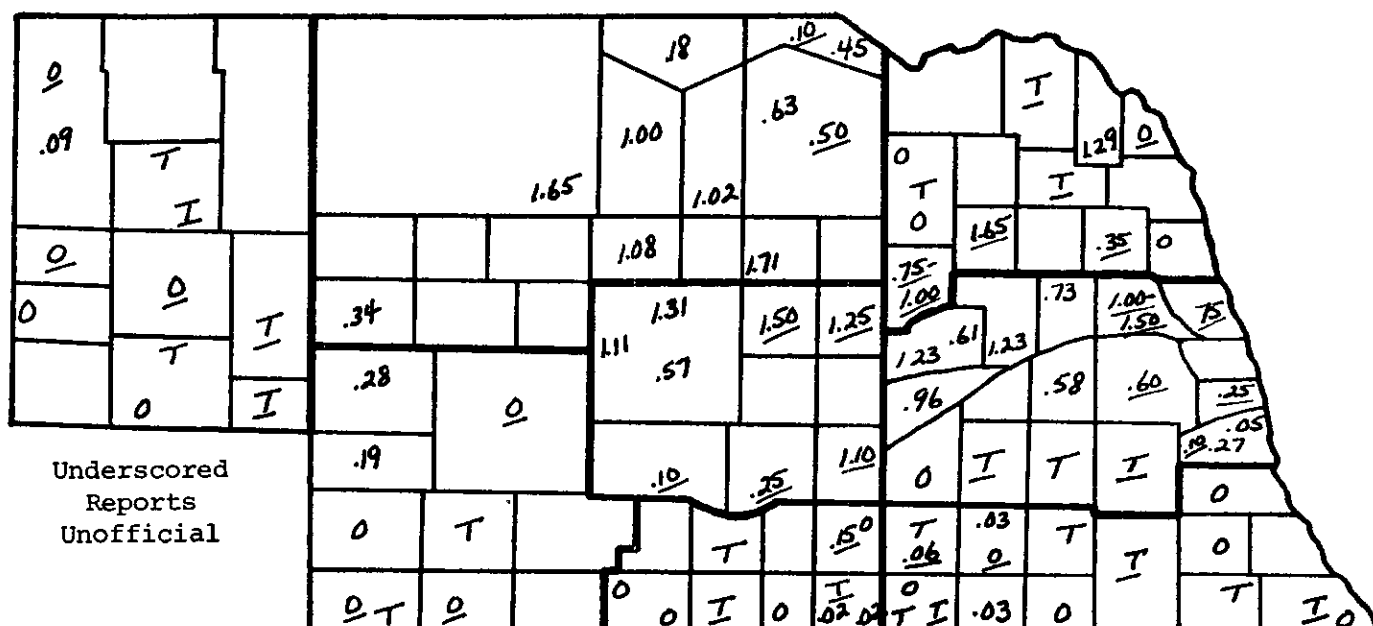
Harvesting of sorghum also progressed to 90%, behind 96% last year, but ahead of the 85% average. Sorghum harvest had moved five days ahead of schedule even though producers have been slowed because of lodged stalks and wet fields.

Winter wheat condition rated 24% fair, 72% good and 4% excellent. Moisture during the week should be beneficial to crop growth.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed rated 30% short, 68% adequate and 2% surplus. Cool season grasses continued to show some growth and slight improvement. Producers continued to concentrate on weaning and working calves and moving cattle to stalk fields for grazing.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1984



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1984

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	65	15	38	--	--
	Scottsbluff	62	19	39	0	.14
	Sidney	62	18	40	--	.02
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	65	11	38	+1	.43
NE	Norfolk	67	22	41	+1	1.50
	Sioux City	63	24	42	+2	.21
CEN	Grand Island	71	23	42	+1	1.16
EC	Lincoln	70	24	43	+1	.06
	Omaha	67	25	44	+2	.63
SW	Imperial	67	23	42	--	0
	North Platte	69	20	38	0	.35

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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